

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend pages 9 and 10 of the specification as follows:

Page 9, delete lines 25 through 27.

Page 9, delete lines 32 through 34.

Page 10, delete lines 8 through 10.

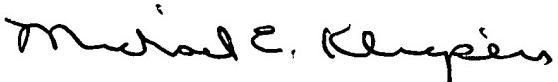
Page 10, delete lines 15 through 16.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the receipt of any Office Action for this patent application. Amended drawing pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are attached in Exhibit A. Claims 1-44 are pending with claims 1, 14, 31, 32, 35, and 40 being independent. No new matter is added. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 1-44 are allowable and that the application should be passed to issue.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

Amended Drawing Sheets 1, 2, 3 and 4.